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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUPPLY OF WHEAT AND RICE AT SUBSIDIZED RATES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether foodgrains including wheat and rice are being supplied to orphanges, blind schools and Non-Governmental Organisations run charitable institutions at subsidised rates in various States including Delhi;

(b) If so, whether the supply of subsidised foodgrains has been stopped to these organisations in Delhi and some other States forcing the inmates to purchase them from open market;

(c) If so, reasons therefor and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) The steps being taken to ensure supply of subsidised foodgrains to the said organisations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) : Department of Food and Public Distribution allocates foodgrains under Welfare Institutions at below poverty line (BPL) rates to State Governments/Union Territories including Delhi, who in turn allocates the same to different Non Governmental Organizations like orphanages, blind schools and charitable Institutions etc.

(b),(c)&(d) : The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution reviewed the allocation made under various food based welfare schemes, and suggested that the same be revised on basis of last 3 years offtake figures, as the offtake under these schemes was very low. Accordingly the allocation under this scheme (5% of BPL allocation) was revised. Reconciliation of offtake figures for Delhi took some time and on reconciliation an allocation of 27.36 MTs of wheat and 17.45 MTs of rice per month was made vide letter dated 21.9.2006 and 16.10.2006 respectively.